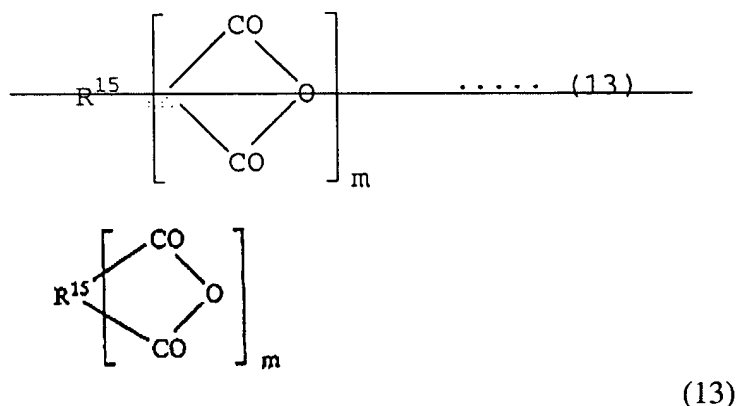
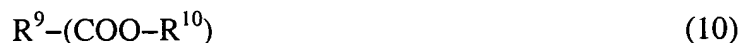
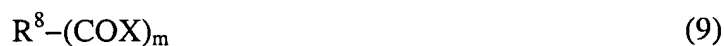


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 6-7 (page 6, line 18 to page 7, line 3) as shown below.

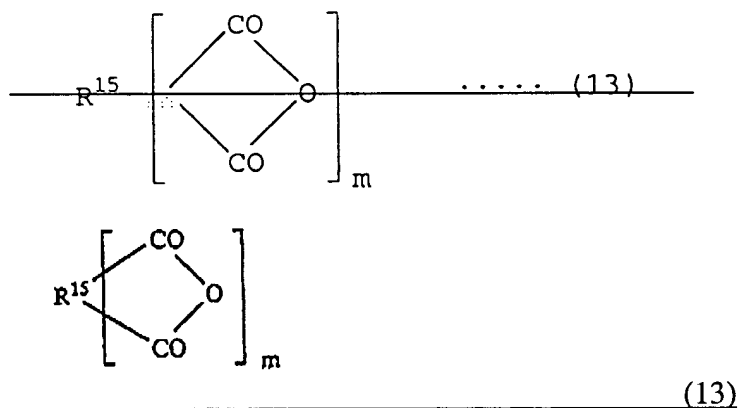
Component (i): a carboxylic acid, and acid halide, an ester compound, a carboxylic ester compound or an acid anhydride represented by the following general formula (8), (9), (10), (11), (12) or (13):



(wherein R^7 to R^{15} are the same or different and are a hydrocarbon group having a carbon number of 1-50, X is a halogen atom and m is an integer of 1-5);

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 25 of the specification (page 25, lines 5-17) as shown below.

The component (i) to be reacted with the active terminal of the unmodified polymer is a carboxylic acid, an acid halide, an ester compound, a carboxylic ester compound or an acid anhydride having a chemical structure as shown by the following formulae (8)-(13):

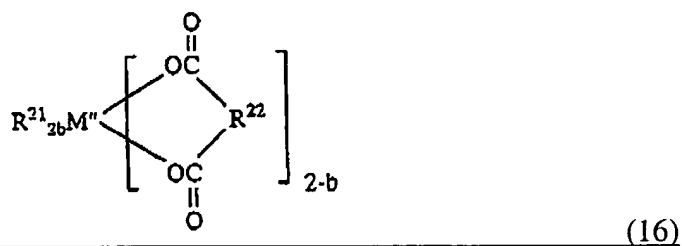
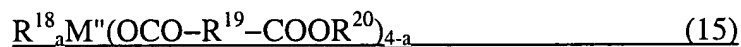
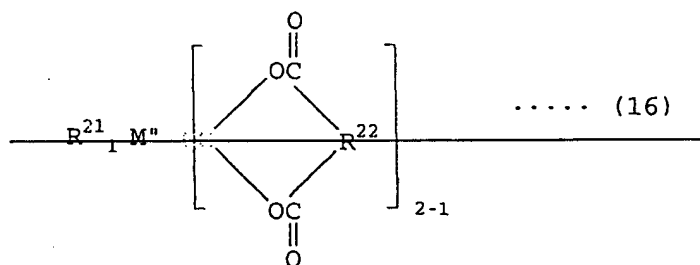
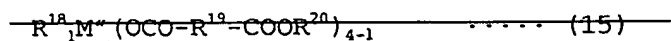
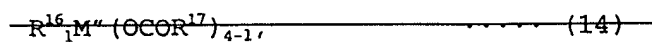


(wherein R^7 to R^{15} are the same or different and are a hydrocarbon group having a carbon number of 1-50, X is a halogen atom, and M is an integer of 1-5).

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 27 (page 27, lines 11-20) as shown below.

The component (j) to be reacted with the active terminal of the unmodified polymer is a metal salt of carboxylic acid having a structure as shown by the formulae (14)-(16):

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(wherein R^{16} to R^{22} are the same or different and are a hydrocarbon group having a carbon number of 1-20, M'' is a tin atom, a silicon atom or a germanium atom, and $[[1]]$ a is an integer of 0-3 and b is an integer of 0-1).